

# **BUDGET / FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**Monday, February 25, 2013**

**Oliver Administration Building**

### **Present**

**Subcommittee: Susan Rancourt, Chair, Marjorie McBride and Paul Silva**

**School Committee, Administration and Staff: Karen Lynch, John Saviano, Lynn Wainwright, Melinda Thies, Mario Andrade (6:02 p.m.), Pauline Silva and George Simmons (6:03 p.m.)**

**Absent: John Bento**

**Susan Rancourt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: Paul S. made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2013 meeting; seconded by Marj M. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Approval of Robotics Stipend Increase to \$3000**

**MOTION: Paul S. made a motion to approve increasing the robotics stipend to \$3000; seconded by Marj M.**

### **Discussion:**

**Marj M. would like to take a look at the current stipends for everyone. Melinda T. responded that she will provide a copy and has begun to look through the high school stipends. Marj M. asked which areas are receiving a higher stipend. Melinda T. responded that currently the marching band receives a \$4100 stipend. Marj M. would like to see robotics be raised this high. Melinda T. explained that the reason the marching band receives this higher amount is due to the fact that it involves a large number of students as compared to robotics, and they are a visual presence of the school out in the community. She would not recommend matching robotics to that stipend as it involves less time with less students. Other higher stipend clubs are debate at \$3000 and the drama advisor at \$2150. Susan R. asked if there is an incentive program for clubs or programs that win competitions. Melinda T. responded that at this time there is not. Paul S. suggested that we get through this budget now and put review of stipends on the agenda for our next meeting along with an agenda item for discussion of incentives as well. Melinda T. stated she would support giving Robotics the stipend for the full year.**

**With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Approval of KMS Stipends**

**MOTION:** Paul S. made a motion to approve prospective stipends for KMS; seconded by Marj M.

### **Discussion:**

Melinda T. reported that there are 16 activities currently at Kickemuit Middle School and 30 at Mt. Hope High School. The total amount of prospective stipends fell under \$10,000 which included the three stipends that were already approved. Because this amount is under \$10,000, approval of stipends does not have to go before the full school committee.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of FY14 Budget**

**MOTION:** Marj M. made a motion to approve the FY14 Budget; seconded by Paul S.

### **Discussion:**

Mr. Silva stated that he wished more people from the Bristol and Warren Town Councils had come out for the meeting that was held last Thursday where we presented our budget for FY14 in an open forum. Mr. Silva would like what is presented to the Joint Finance Committee broken down showing the numbers prior to shift in enrollment and then showing the impact to the numbers with the shift in enrollment. Susan R. said she will reach out to Cathy Tattrie,

**Chairman of the Joint Finance Committee, to invite her to a meeting to answer any questions they might have prior to the budget going before the Joint Finance Committee. Melinda T. stated that she had also urged those town council members present at last week's meeting to come back with any questions that might come up after thinking upon what was presented.**

**With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Next Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Agenda items requested for our next meeting:**

- **Review of stipend list**
- **Discussion of potential activities/clubs bonuses**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: At 6:20 p.m. Paul S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marj M. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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